

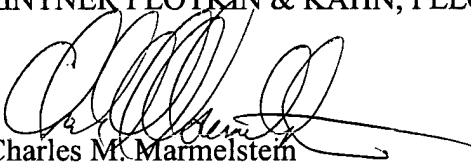
REMARKS

The above amendments to the specification have been made in order to correct a typographical error noted therein. As required under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, as amended, the above-amendment is a clean copy containing the amendments to the specification. Attached to this response, is a marked-up copy of the affected part of the specification showing exactly where the changes are being made.

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Thereafter, a procedure similar to that in EXAMPLE I, except that the ratio of the weight X of the sulfonated PEEK to the weight W of catalyst particles was set at 1 : 1 ($X/W \approx 1.0$) in the preparation of a slurry for each of an air pole 3 and a fuel pole 4, was carried out to provide an electrolyte membrane/electrode assembly 9 similar to that described above.

This electrolyte membrane/electrode assembly 9 is hereinafter referred to as example (10).

(EXAMPLE XI)

A sulfonated PEEK having an ion-exchange capacity I_c equal to 1.1 meq/g as in EXAMPLE I was prepared as a polymer ion-exchange component, and a membrane having a thickness of 50 μm and formed using a sulfonated ^{PTFE}[PETFE] similar to that described above and having 1.1 meq/g was prepared as an electrolyte membrane 2.

Thereafter, a procedure similar to that in EXAMPLE I, except that the hot-pressing was carried out under conditions of 160°C, 4 MPa and 1 minute, was carried out to provide an electrolyte membrane/electrode assembly 9 similar to that described above. This electrolyte membrane/electrode assembly 9 is hereinafter referred to as comparative example (1).

(EXAMPLE XII)

A sulfonated PEEK having an ion-exchange capacity I_c equal to 2.4 meq/g as in EXAMPLE I was prepared as a polymer